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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 883

CREATOR: Robinson, Edwin Arlington, 1869-1935

TITLE: Edwin Arlington Robinson collection

DATES: 1897-1941

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.25 linear feet (3 boxes + 1 broadside)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence and writings documenting the work of Edwin Arlington Robinson. Includes manuscripts, typescripts, and proofs of Robinson's poetry; correspondence with Lawrence W. Lamm, Lucius Beebe, Elizabeth Sparhawk-Jones, and other correspondents; and the typescript of and correspondence pertaining to C. Beecher Hogan's *A Bibliography of Edwin Arlington Robinson*.

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Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired from various sources. Source information is recorded in the finding aid, and source information from catalog cards has been photocopied and included in the relevant folders. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

The Edwin Arlington Robinson Collection is the physical property of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs and assigns. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

Preferred Citation

Edwin Arlington Robinson Collection. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection received a basic level of processing in 2014, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection, an initial survey of the contents, and a list created in the 1980s by graduate students who conducted a survey of collections under the direction of the curator of the Yale Collection of American Literature. The collection's manuscripts were previously described according to a sequence of catalog card entries; this order has been maintained, and photocopies of the catalog cards have been placed in the relevant folders.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Edwin Arlington Robinson (1869-1935)

Edwin Arlington Robinson (1869-1935), American poet; his books of poetry include *The Torrent and the Night Before* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: The Riverside Press, 1896), *Children of the Night* (Boston: Richard G. Badger & Company, 1897), and *The Town Down the River* (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1910).

Scope and Contents

Correspondence and writings documenting the work of Edwin Arlington Robinson. Includes manuscripts, typescripts, and proofs of Robinson's poetry; correspondence with Lawrence W. Lamm, Lucius Beebe, Elizabeth Sparhawk-Jones, and other correspondents; and the typescript of and correspondence pertaining to C. Beecher Hogan's *A Bibliography of Edwin Arlington Robinson*.

Arrangement

The manuscript material in this collection was previously cataloged, and the order of the collection by these manuscript catalog numbers has been maintained. The prior manuscript catalog numbers are recorded on the folders.

Collection Contents

b. 1	"Nicodemus," page proofs Gift of Charles Beecher Hogan, December 1941.	1931-1931
b. 1	Selection from Bradley Fisk's <i>Bibliography</i> , with Robinson's manuscript notes Gift of Lucius Beebe, July 1942.	1928-1928
b. 1	Two autograph notes, signed, from Robinson to Mrs. A. T. Aldis Gift of Mrs. Arthur T. Aldis, October 1934.	1922-1922
b. 1	Autograph notes, signed, from Robinson to James S. Barstow, Anna Hempstead Branch, "Mr. Appelfeld," Edward Bliss Reed, and Louis Barcroft Runk Gift of James S. Barstow, 1939; purchased on the George B. Alvord Fund, 1941; gift of Ralph D. Allan, 1951; gift of Edward Bliss Reed, 1936; and gift of Louis Barcroft Runk, 1938.	1919-1933
b. 1	54 autograph letters, signed, and four telegrams to Lawrence W. Lamm, with typed transcriptions and carbon copies of Lamm's letters to Robinson Source unknown.	1930-1932
b. 1	Typescript letter, signed, from Kermit Roosevelt to Lucius Beebe regarding Robinson's poetry Source unknown.	1930-1930
b. 1	<i>The Man Who Died Twice</i> galley proofs, corrected Gift of Lucius Beebe, 1942.	1924-1924
b. 1	<i>Merlin</i> galley proofs, signed from Robinson to Lucius Beebe Gift of Lucius Beebe, 1942.	1929-1929
b. 1	"Fortunatus," manuscript poem Gift of Lucius Beebe, 1942.	undated
b. 2	Autograph letters, signed, to Elizabeth Sparhawk-Jones Gift of Elizabeth Sparhawk-Jones.	1923-1934
b. 2	Autograph letter, signed, to Thomas S. Shaw Gift of Thomas S. Shaw, 1951.	1933-1933
b. 2	Two autograph letters, signed, to Marian King Gift of Marian King, 1958.	1927-1927
b. 2	The Children of the Night Library of Congress copyright certificate Gift of Charles Beecher Hogan, 1951.	1897-1897
b. 2	"The Silence," manuscript poem Gift of Charles Beecher Hogan, 1951.	1918-1918
b. 2	<i>A Bibliography of Edwin Arlington Robinson</i> by C. Beecher Hogan typescript, corrected Source unknown.	1936-1936

b. 2	Letters concerning C. Beecher Hogan's <i>A Bibliography of Edwin Arlington Robinson</i> Gift of Charles Beecher Hogan.	1936-1936
b. 2	Typescript poems, including "Another Dark Lady," "The Clinging Vine," "Eros Turranos," "The Gift of God," "Nimmo's Eyes," "Old King Cole", "The Unforgiven," "Variations of Greek Themes," and "The Voice of Age" Source unknown.	undated
b. 2	<i>New York Herald Tribune</i> Robinson feature by Lucius Beebe typescript, corrected Gift of Lucius Beebe, 1942.	undated
b. 2	Forty-seven autograph letters, signed, to Lucius Beebe Gift of Lucius Beebe, 1942.	1924-1931
b. 3	Autograph letters, signed, to Mrs. Edward Bliss Reed and "Henry" Gift of Charles J. Rosenbloom; source unknown.	1916, 1922
b. 3	Autograph letters, signed, removed from books Source unknown.	1921-1928
b. 3	C. Beecher Hogan correspondence concerning <i>A Bibliography of Edwin Arlington Robinson</i> 3 Folders Gift of Charles Beecher Hogan.	1935-1941
b. 4 (Broadside)	Copy of E. A. Robinson's high school graduation photograph	undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

American poetry -- 20th Century
Poets, American -- 20th Century -- Archives
Poets -- United States

Genres / Formats

Photographic prints -- United States -- 19th century

Occupations

Poets -- United States -- 20th Century

Names

Beebe, Lucius, 1902-1966
Hogan, Charles Beecher, 1906-
Lamm, Lawrence W.
Robinson, Edwin Arlington, 1869-1935
Sparhawk-Jones, Elizabeth, 1885-1968